- 1 question I asked you about these licenses. Was it your
- 2 understanding --
- 3 A That they had a license.
- 4 Q -- from this deposition that your wife and
- 5 daughters had had licenses?
- 6 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q Okay. And at the time you read the Net Wave
- 8 petition for the very first time it was your understanding
- 9 also, was it not, that Norma, Jennifer and Melissa had had a
- 10 license from the FCC?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 O Okay.
- 13 A That was my understanding.
- 14 Q Have you seen a copy of those licenses anywhere in
- this litigation, those early licenses?
- 16 A No, sir. No. Are you -- you've got me confused
- 17 about an application or a license. Is there a difference?
- 18 Q Well, what is it in your mind?
- 19 A I don't know. I mean, you showed me one thing
- 20 earlier that said radio license at the top, and then we've
- 21 seen applications.
- Q With all due respect, I don't think I showed you
- 23 anything.
- A Well, I mean, the litigation showed me.
- Q Okay. My question is to your state of mind, sir.

- 1 A All right, sir.
- 2 Q You understood at one time, deposition time and
- 3 then back at the time of the Net Wave petition, that they
- 4 had a license issued in their name?
- 5 A Yes, sir, I understood that.
- 6 Q Okay. And in fact you know for a fact that Norma
- 7 had prior FCC licenses before these 1996 issues, correct?
- 8 A I saw during the -- what you presented to her
- 9 during the deposition, applications. I don't know if those
- 10 are license or applications.
- 11 O You do not understand that Norma had licenses
- 12 issued in her name --
- 13 A I understood she did.
- 14 Q -- prior to 1996?
- 15 A Yes, sir. I understood she did.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A I haven't seen the license if that's what you are
- 18 asking.
- 19 Q No, sir. I have never asked you in this
- 20 examination so far whether you have seen a license.
- 21 A Okay.
- 22 Q So if you will please listen to my question, we
- 23 can get through this thing a little sooner.
- 24 You understood as you sit here today that Norma
- 25 had previous FCC licenses before the 1996 application that

- 1 this lawsuit is about?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q And you understand that Norma had more than one
- 4 FCC license back then; is that right?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q How many did she have?
- 7 A I don't know. I think at least two that she
- 8 signed.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A And others that she didn't sign.
- 11 Q How many licenses did Jennifer have before this
- 12 1996 matter?
- 13 A She only signed one application. I don't know how
- 14 many licenses you can generate from that application.
- 15 Q Do you know for a fact, sir, that there never was
- 16 a license issued in Jennifer's name?
- 17 A No, sir, I do not know that.
- 18 Q Have you inquired of anyone to find out whether
- 19 there was actually a license issued in her name?
- 20 A No, sir. It was of no interest to me back then.
- 21 Q Have you seen in this litigation, sir, anything
- that purports to be an application signed by Jennifer back
- then before the 1996 issues?
- 24 A No, sir.
- Q My questions now pertain to Melissa.

- 1 A Okay.
- 2 Q Have you seen any application that purports to be
- an application by Melissa for an FCC license back before
- 4 these 1996 matters?
- 5 A No, sir.
- 6 Q Have you see anything that purports to be a
- 7 license to Melissa prior to these 1996 matters?
- 8 A No. sir.
- 9 Q Have you asked why you haven't seen any of that
- 10 stuff?
- 11 A Ask who?
- 12 Q Anybody. Your counsel?
- 13 A No, sir.
- 14 Q FCC counsel?
- 15 A No, sir. We understood that if a license was
- 16 granted, it was immediately transferred to Ronald. That's
- what we thought in those prior years, and that's what we
- 18 still felt.
- 19 Q And have you verified that with anybody, your
- 20 counsel or FCC counsel in this litigation?
- 21 A No, sir. I -- no, sir.
- 22 Q Now, let me refer you back to your -- well, let me
- 23 refer you to the Net Wave petition.
- 24 A What exhibit number?
- MR. ROMNEY: I'm not going to be asking him any

- 1 questions out of the deposition at any time.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: No, he's -- you referred to the
- 3 Net Wave petition, and the witness asked what number it is,
- 4 Exhibit No. 1.
- 5 MR. ROMNEY: My comment was to Mr. Mr. McVeigh.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Oh.
- 7 MR. ROMNEY: I'm not going to be asking questions
- 8 about the deposition at this point.
- 9 JUDGE STEINBERG: Oh, okay. I missed something in
- 10 there.
- MR. ROMNEY: Thank you.
- 12 JUDGE STEINBERG: So if you --
- MR. ROMNEY: Exhibit No. 1.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes.
- THE WITNESS: One?
- MR. ROMNEY: Yes, sir.
- 17 (Pause.)
- 18 BY MR. ROMNEY:
- 19 Q Where were you when you got a copy of Exhibit No.
- 20 1, sir?
- 21 A I got it from my mailbox in my office at my office
- address, 18601 LBJ Freeway in Mesquite, Texas.
- 23 Q And that is indeed the address that's listed for
- you on the back of page -- excuse me -- on page 65 of that
- 25 petition?

- 1 A Hang on just a second.
- 2 Q Excuse me. Sixty-six.
- 3 (Witness reviews document.)
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, that's the correct
- 5 address.
- BY MR. ROMNEY:
- 7 Q Did you wife receive a copy of this?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q Where did she receive it?
- 10 A I recall she received it at home.
- 11 Q I'll refer you to page 65 of the Exhibit No. 1.
- 12 You see Norma Sumpter's name listed there?
- 13 A Yes, sir, I do.
- 14 Q Now, your home address is not 4008 Harbinger, is
- 15 it?
- 16 A It's not.
- 17 Q Did Melissa receive a copy of this?
- 18 A Yes, sir.
- 19 Q Do you know where she received it?
- 20 A At home.
- 21 Q And was she home at the time?
- 22 A November. No, sir, she was close to graduation
- 23 from college.
- Q Where was she, do you recall, at this time, that
- she received these petition?

- 1 A She would have been at school. I don't know. She
- was home or at school. She was either at home or at school.
- 3 Q Where is Mary Hardin Baylor?
- 4 A In Belton, down below Temple, down below Waco.
- 5 Q How long does it take you to get down to Mary
- 6 Hardin from your house?
- 7 A Two hours; hour and a half, two hours.
- 8 Q Page 66 of Exhibit No. 1, do you see the address
- 9 for Jennifer Hill?
- 10 A Yes, sir.
- 11 Q Did you understand that Jennifer Hill received a
- 12 copy of this petition as well?
- 13 A I know she did.
- 14 Q Do you have any knowledge, sir, where she received
- 15 it?
- 16 A I would assume in her apartment. That's where it
- was mailed or that's what that says. I'm sure it was at her
- 18 apartment.
- 19 Q Did she tell you that?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q Okay. The day you received this document, did you
- open the envelope that it came in, this Exhibit No. 1?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- Q Was anybody else present when you opened it?
- 25 A I don't believe so.

- 1 Q Was your wife in the office with you?
- 2 A She was in the office because I told her, "What is
- 3 this, " you know.
- 4 Q Was she watching you open the envelope?
- 5 A I don't recall.
- 6 Q What did you understand when you read that
- 7 document for the first time?
- 8 A What did I understand? Very little except I was
- 9 shocked.
- 10 Q And what went through your mind?
- 11 A What is this? What is -- first, what kind of
- document is this? Where did it come from? How did my name
- get it on it? I've never signed anything. I've never
- 14 signed any kind of application or anything. How did my name
- 15 get on it?
- 16 Here is the words I used with Ronald when I called
- 17 him.
- 18 Q Okay.
- 19 A I'm in this Ronald. Where did my name come from?"
- 20 Plus my wife and children's names are in there. I
- 21 didn't understand they had a license.
- Q Did you talk to your wife before you called
- 23 Ronald?
- 24 A I don't remember.
- Q Well, sir, is this a document that since it had

- their names on it, is this a document that you would have
- 2 talked to your wife about since she is there in the office
- 3 with you?
- 4 A I'm sure I talked to her about it.
- 5 Q What did you say to her?
- 6 A What is this? I don't know what -- we've got
- 7 something in the mail here. Someway it's about -- something
- 8 about radio license, and it's got my name, it's your name,
- 9 it's got Melissa's, it's got Jennifer's." Those are the
- 10 things I'm sure I talked to her about.
- 11 We tried to read it, tried to understand it. We
- 12 didn't understand it.
- 13 Q What did she say, your wife?
- 14 A She's as puzzled as I am.
- 15 Q Did you ask her if she had a radio license?
- 16 A I asked her, now, you had a radio license in the
- 17 past but they would have been transferred out of your name.
- 18 She said, "That's right." That's all she knew.
- 19 Q Did you ever ask her if she had a radio license
- 20 for the 1996 time frame?
- 21 A Sure, she didn't --
- 22 Q What did she say?
- 23 A She said no.
- Are you saying that she filed an application in
- 25 '96 for a radio license? Is that your question.

- 1 Q That's not my question to you, sir.
- 2 A Okay, what is it?
- Well, I asked it to you and you answered.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, were you confused by the
- 5 question?
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, why don't you re-ask it,
- 8 please?
- 9 BY MR. ROMNEY:
- 10 Q Did you ask her that day that you opened Exhibit
- No. 1, did you ask her whether or not she had a radio
- 12 license from the 1996 time frame?
- A Well, with all due respect, I really didn't have
- 14 to ask her because her name was listed on the front along
- 15 with mine, and Melissa's and Jennifer's. I knew she had a
- license from reading the front of that application -- I mean
- 17 that petition.
- 18 Q Did you ask her that day that you opened Exhibit
- No. 1 whether or not she had signed an application for a
- 20 license?
- 21 A Yes, I did.
- Q And what did she say?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q Did you ask her whether or not she had signed a
- 25 license for you?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q What did she say?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Did you ask her whether or not she had signed a
- 5 license for Melissa?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And what did she say?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Did you ask her if she signed a license for
- 10 Jennifer?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And what did she say?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q And you had all those conversations with your wife
- that day, the day you saw Exhibit No. 1?
- 16 A In that time frame, yes, sir, I did.
- 17 Q Why would you ask your wife those kinds of
- questions, whether she had signed licenses for somebody
- 19 else?
- 20 A I didn't know what this was. I didn't understand
- 21 it.
- Q Well, did you suspect that she might have signed
- 23 something for you?
- 24 A Absolutely not.
- Q Well, then why would you even think to ask her?

- 1 A Ask her what -- what did we know about this, if
- 2 she's got any knowledge about any of this stuff.
- 3 Q Did you ask her if she had any knowledge or did
- 4 you ask her specifically, sir, whether or not she had signed
- 5 a license on your behalf?
- 6 A I don't believe I asked her, on second thought,
- 7 that I -- I don't believe I asked her that she signed, if
- 8 she signed anything. I knew she didn't sign it. I asked
- 9 her if she had knowledge of it.
- 10 Q And that's the only thing you asked her then, do
- 11 you have knowledge of this license?
- 12 A What do you know about this? Do you know anything
- 13 about this?
- 14 O And she said no.
- 15 A She said no.
- 16 Q She knows nothing?
- 17 A She knows nothing.
- 18 Q Okay. So then you did not ever specifically ask
- 19 her from that day that you opened Exhibit No. 1 up until the
- 20 time you're sitting right here on the stand today, sir,
- 21 whether or not she signed your name to an application for a
- 22 radio license?
- 23 A Yes, sir. We have talked about that at length and
- she has not signed my name, Melissa's or Jennifer's to
- 25 anything -- to those radio license.

- 1 Q Tell the Court exactly when you discussed that
- 2 with your wife.
- 3 A It's been an ongoing discussion ever since this
- 4 started about this situation. I couldn't tell you the exact
- 5 date and the time.
- 6 Q And are you telling the Court that you asked her
- 7 specifically as I have stated it, "Norma, did you sign my
- 8 name to a radio license application?"
- 9 A Yes, sir, I did.
- 10 Q And she told you no?
- 11 A Right.
- 12 Q Did you ask if she signed Jennifer's name to an
- 13 application?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q Did you ask her if she signed Melissa's name to an
- 16 application?
- 17 A Yes, sir.
- 18 Q And her answers for those two were?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q Did you ask her if she signed her name to a radio
- 21 license application in 1996?
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- Q And what did she say?
- 24 A No.
- Q And when did you first ask her that question?

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- 2 signed something? Have you done something here to cause
- 3 this?"
- 4 Q You picked up the phone and you called Ron and you
- 5 asked him what, after you opened Exhibit 1?
- 6 A I didn't ask him much of anything. I just begin
- 7 to tell him about this thing I had received in the mail, and
- 8 I did ask him what is this, what is this? I'm in this. My
- 9 name's on it. My wife and children's names on it. I have
- 10 not signed an application. I have not signed anything. How
- did my name get on it? That's what our conversation went on
- 12 like.
- 13 Q And he told you at that time that you had signed
- 14 an application, right?
- 15 A No, he did not. He told me he was going to and
- 16 look at it, and he did.
- 17 Q Okay. And he came to your office to look at it?
- 18 A Right.
- 19 Q Do you know if he had seen a copy of this --
- A He said he had not.
- 21 Q Excuse me, please.
- 22 A I'm sorry.
- 23 Q Do you know if he had seen a copy of this, Exhibit
- No. 1, by the time he came to your office to discuss it with
- 25 you?

- 1 A He had not.
- 2 Q And how do you know that?
- 3 A Because he said he had not.
- 4 Q What did he tell you after he read the Net Wave
- 5 petition, Exhibit No. 1?
- A Don't worry about it. It's a competitor trying to
- 7 cause problems and cause trouble. Don't worry about it.
- 8 I'll take care of it.
- 9 Q Did you believe him that he would take care of it?
- 10 A I hoped he would.
- 11 Q What is the very next document that you saw that
- has anything to do with this litigation?
- 13 A The next document that I saw?
- 14 O Yes, sir.
- 15 A Document.
- 16 Q After the Net Wave petition. You opened that
- document on the day, and what's the very next piece of paper
- 18 you saw that has anything to do with this issue?
- 19 JUDGE STEINBERG: Clarification. Document from
- 20 somebody from --
- MR. ROMNEY: Any document, sir.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay.
- MR. ROMNEY: Any document, Your Honor.
- 24 THE WITNESS: The next document --
- MR. MCVEIGH: Including ones he generated himself?

- 1 MR. ROMNEY: Absolutely. I would really like to
- 2 know that.
- THE WITNESS: Oh, a document I generated myself?
- 4 MR. ROMNEY: Any document. Yes.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I wrote him a letter that you have.
- 6 It's some exhibit number. I think it's dated the 27th of
- 7 November. I don't know the exhibit number. I think that's
- 8 the date. That probably is the next document.
- 9 MR. ROMNEY: Excuse me, Your Honor, while I find
- 10 the document.
- 11 (Pause.)
- BY MR. ROMNEY:
- 13 Q Mr. Sumpter, would you put before you please
- 14 Exhibit No. 39?
- 15 A Yes, sir.
- 16 Q Is that the very next document that you recall
- 17 seeing that has any connection to this particular matter of
- 18 the radio licenses in 1996?
- 19 A The only other document that came along close to
- the same time was the Form 800A, is that what it's called,
- 21 800A. I'm not sure which came earlier, but I did write this
- 22 letter soon after we received the Net Wave petition.
- Q I'll refer you to Exhibit No. 38.
- A Thirty-eight. That's the 800, right?
- Q Right. And that came to you?

- 1 A I don't know if it came to me or Ronald brought
- 2 it. I'm not sure.
- 3 Q Well, it's addressed to you, is it not?
- 4 A It is.
- 5 Q Does Ronald have access to your mailbox?
- 6 A No, sir.
- 7 Q That handwriting on Exhibit No. 38 --
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 O -- whose is it?
- 10 A It's mine, as I explained in my letter of December
- 11 the 20th.
- 12 O You filled this document out?
- 13 A I did.
- 14 Q Did you receive the 800A, Exhibit No. 38, before
- you wrote Exhibit No. 39 on November 29, 1997?
- 16 A I don't know, but I don't think that I filled it
- out. What I think happened is that all mail that came to
- 18 the office that had to with FCC was forwarded to Ronald.
- 19 And I think the 800 was forwarded to him, and that he
- 20 brought it back for us to fill it out.
- 21 Q Well, sir, was that the procedure at your
- 22 office --
- 23 A Yes, it was.
- 25 A Yes, sir.

- 1 Q Anything that came with FCC was sent to Ronald?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q And is it your testimony that it was sent to
- 4 Ronald without ever even being opened?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q So to your knowledge, a license could have come to
- 7 your office and had been sent by your wife to Ron without it
- 8 being opened?
- 9 A Could have.
- 10 Q And yellow cards or green cards could have been
- 11 sent to Ronald office by your wife without you ever knowing
- 12 about it?
- 13 A Could have.
- 14 Q So you can't deny that those materials from the
- 15 FCC or from PCIA never came to your office; it's just that
- 16 you don't have knowledge that they did?
- 17 A I'll say this. The first time I ever had an
- 18 inkling that I had a radio license was when I opened that
- 19 petition to show cause. That's the first time I had a hint
- of anything that I own -- that I had a radio license.
- 21 That's the first time.
- 22 MR. ROMNEY: Move to strike, Your Honor;
- 23 nonresponsive.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Granted.
- BY MR. ROMNEY:

- 1 Q Mr. Sumpter, my question is: You cannot deny that
- 2 mailings from the FCC could have come to your office, can
- 3 you?
- 4 A They did come to my office.
- 5 Q You cannot deny that mailings form the FCC prior
- 6 to the Net Wave petition came to your office, can you?
- 7 A No, sir.
- 8 Q Ronald told you the day that he was at your office
- 9 to look at the New Wave petition that he would handle it; is
- 10 that right?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q Did he tell you how he was going to handle it?
- 13 A No, sir.
  - 14 O Did you ever have a discussion with Ronald about
  - 15 his attorneys handling it?
  - 16 A He just said he was going to handle it.
  - 17 Q Well, you got the copy of an opposition, did you
  - 18 not?
  - 19 A Yes, sir.
  - 20 Q I would ask you to turn to Exhibit 37. Do you see
  - 21 that, sir?
  - 22 A Yes, sir.
  - 23 Q That's a declaration that you prepared; is that
  - 24 correct?
  - 25 A Yes, sir.

- 1 Q Did you attorney assist you in preparing that?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q Would you please point to the Court anywhere in
- 4 the declaration where it says that you were visiting your
- 5 sick aunt in Junction, Texas on or about June 22, 1996?
- 6 A It's not in there.
- 7 Q Don't you think that's an important point that the
- 8 FCC might want to know?
- 9 MR. MCVEIGH: Objection; asking the witness to
- 10 speculate.
- 11 JUDGE STEINBERG: I think that's within the realm
- of cross-examination. I'll overrule it.
- THE WITNESS: Repeat it, please, sir.
- 14 BY MR. ROMNEY:
- 15 Q Don't you think that's an important point that the
- 16 FCC might want to know, that you were not in town in
- 17 Mesquite, Texas on June 22, 1996?
- 18 A At that point June 22nd didn't mean a thing to me.
- 19 I hadn't seen the license, I hadn't seen the application,
- 20 and I didn't know that Ronald was going to say there was a
- 21 signing party at his house on June the 22nd.
- 22 Q Well, didn't --
- 23 A I didn't know that when I wrote this declaration.
- Q When did you write this declaration, sir?
- A Some time in '99.

- 1 Q April 9, 1999?
- 2 A It should be dated on the back.
- 3 Q Page 8?
- 4 A April 9, '99.
- 5 Q Is that the day you signed it?
- 6 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q Did you cause your attorney to file any subsequent
- 8 declaration with the FCC to explain that you were not in
- 9 Mesquite, Texas on June 22, 1996?
- 10 A Not until today.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: I just wanted to point out that
- there is an attorney/client privilege, and there had not
- been any objections raised by Mr. McVeigh or anybody else
- 14 about attorney/client privilege. But if Mr. Romney would
- 15 phrase his questions without reference to Mr. Sumpter's
- 16 attorney and just leave it at what was done rather than done
- on advice of counsel, because I don't want this to be
- 18 construed as any kind of waiver because I don't think that's
- 19 the intent of the witness, I mean --
- MR. ROMNEY: And that's not the intent of my
- 21 questions.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: I didn't think it was but I just
- 23 wanted --
- MR. ROMNEY: Appreciate that.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: -- wanted to point it out.

	1		BY MR. ROMNEY:
alamba.	2	Q	Mr. Sumpter, you may assume that any question I
	3	ask you t	hat I am not asking you for any discussions that
	4	you had w	ith your attorney.
	5	А	All right. I understand that.
	6	Q	I would ask you to turn to page 14 of Exhibit No.
	7	37.	
	8	A	Okay.
	9	Q	This is a fax cover sheet from Mr. Brasher's
	10	attorney;	is that right?
	11	A	It was faxed to me by Mr. Brasher.
	12	Q	And you discussed this document with Mr. Brasher,
₩.	13	right?	
	14	A	No, sir, I didn't discuss it with him.
	15	Q	No discussion at all?
	16	A	I don't remember that I did.
	17	Q	It just came out of the blue to your fax machine?
	18	А	Yes, sir.
	19		Now, let me back up here.
	20		JUDGE STEINBERG: Wait a minute. There is no
	21		THE WITNESS: No backing up?
	22		BY MR. ROMNEY:
-	23	Q	Yes, yes, please explain yourself.
	24	A	Okay. We were talking about this on an ongoing

25 basis, and he told me that he -- his attorneys was working

- on it, and then he faxed it to me. That's the way I
- 2 remember it.
- 3 Q So before you got this on your fax machine, you
- 4 had had some sort of discussion with Mr. Brasher to the
- 5 effect that his attorneys were working on some sort of a
- 6 response to the Net Wave petition, right?
- 7 A His comment to me, sir, was that his attorneys
- 8 would take care of it.
- 9 Q And right after he said his attorney are going to
- take care of it, within days or weeks you get a copy of a
- memo from his attorney to him with a draft of an opposition,
- 12 right?
- 13 A Yes, sir.
- 14 Q And you read through that opposition line by line,
- 15 didn't you?
- 16 A No, sir.
- 17 O You read it?
- 18 A I read it, but not line by line. I didn't study
- 19 it.
- 20 Q Did you not understand what you were reading?
- 21 A No, sir.
- Q Why did you not ask anybody any questions?
- 23 A Because Ronald said, "Don't worry about it. I'll
- 24 take care of it."
- Q And when he says, "I'm going to take care of it,"

- 1 he sends you a how many page document?
- 2 MR. MCVEIGH: Objection. I don't think that's a
- 3 question.
- 4 MR. ROMNEY: I'm not done with my question.
- 5 MR. MCVEIGH: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 6 MR. ROMNEY: Excuse me. I apologize for not being
- 7 fast enough.
- BY MR. ROMNEY:
- 9 Q He sends you a six-page document after he told his
- 10 attorneys are going to take care of it, and you don't read
- 11 it?
- 12 A I said I read it. I didn't study it.
- Q And if you don't understand it, you didn't ask any
- 14 guestions about it?
- 15 A No, sir.
- 16 Q You read it and you understood that this was an
- opposition by, among other people, Jim Sumpter?
- 18 A I knew that anything I said to Ronald wouldn't
- 19 change the picture or change what was being submitted.
- 20 Q That's not my question, sir, respectfully. I'm
- 21 sorry. I don't mean to be rude.
- 22 A Okay.
- 23 Q You understood when you read it that this was an
  - opposition by, among other people, Jim Sumpter, correct?
  - 25 A I didn't know what an opposition was, counselor.

- 1 Q Have you ever done any tax work before the IRS?
- 2 A No, sir.
- 3 Q Never done any kind of representation of a client
- 4 before the IRS?
- 5 A Through appeals process.
- 6 Q Okay. What does opposition mean to you, the word?
- 7 A It means someone opposes you.
- 8 Q And you had already seen a document that had a
- 9 heading like this, that was the Net Wa e petition, right?
- 10 A Right.
- 11 Q I mean, looking at page No. 15 of Exhibit No. 37,
- that heading there wasn't entirely foreign to you, was it?
- 13 A It looked like the Net Wave.
- 14 Q And opposition, did you have any understanding
- 15 that Net Wave would be filing an opposition against their
- 16 own pleading?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Well, then, you understood just from common sense,
- 19 sir, and the fact that you are a trained certified public
- 20 accountant, you understood that this opposition was probably
- 21 somebody writing something to the FCC against the Net Wave
- 22 petition?
- THE WITNESS: Objection; not a question.
- 24 JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes, it sure was.
- MR. ROMNEY: Absolutely.

- 1 MR. MCVEIGH: I thought it was a statement.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: No, it was a question.
- THE WITNESS: Sir, I don't know what I understood
- 4 this was except that Ronald simply said, "I'm going to take
- 5 care of this," and this is what he produced, or his
- 6 attorneys produced. That's all I know.
- 7 BY MR. ROMNEY:
- 8 Q And you understood they were taking care of it on
- 9 your behalf, right?
- 10 A Not really, but I knew that there was nothing I
- 11 could do to change it.
- 12 Q You knew by reading this document that somebody
- was getting ready to file something that said an opposition
- 14 with the FCC and it included you, right?
- 15 A I didn't understand. I did not understand that it
- included me. It was not my words. It was not my decision
- 17 to file it. I did not understand. I mean, this heading was
- on the Net Wave petition. I thought it had to be on this
- 19 one too.
- 20 JUDGE STEINBERG: Let me ask you a question. You
- 21 testified a couple of times that Ron Brasher said with
- respect to the Net Wave petition, "Don't worry about it.
- 23 We'll take care of it."
- 24 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: And did you understand when you